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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 2 as follows:

--The use of biocidal zeolites in various polymeric compositions has been described. Polymeric articles comprising biocidal zeolites are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,775,585 and 4,938,958. WO 01/34686 describes polymeric foams such as polyurethane foams into which biocidal zeolites may be added. WO 01/46900 describes a touch screen for a computer in which a plastic layer including a biocidal zeolite is applied to the touch screen. Coatings comprising a polysaccharide component and a biocidal zeolite are described in WO 02/18003. A sterilized glove having an organic polymer film layer comprising an antibacterial zeolite is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,003,6385,003,683.--